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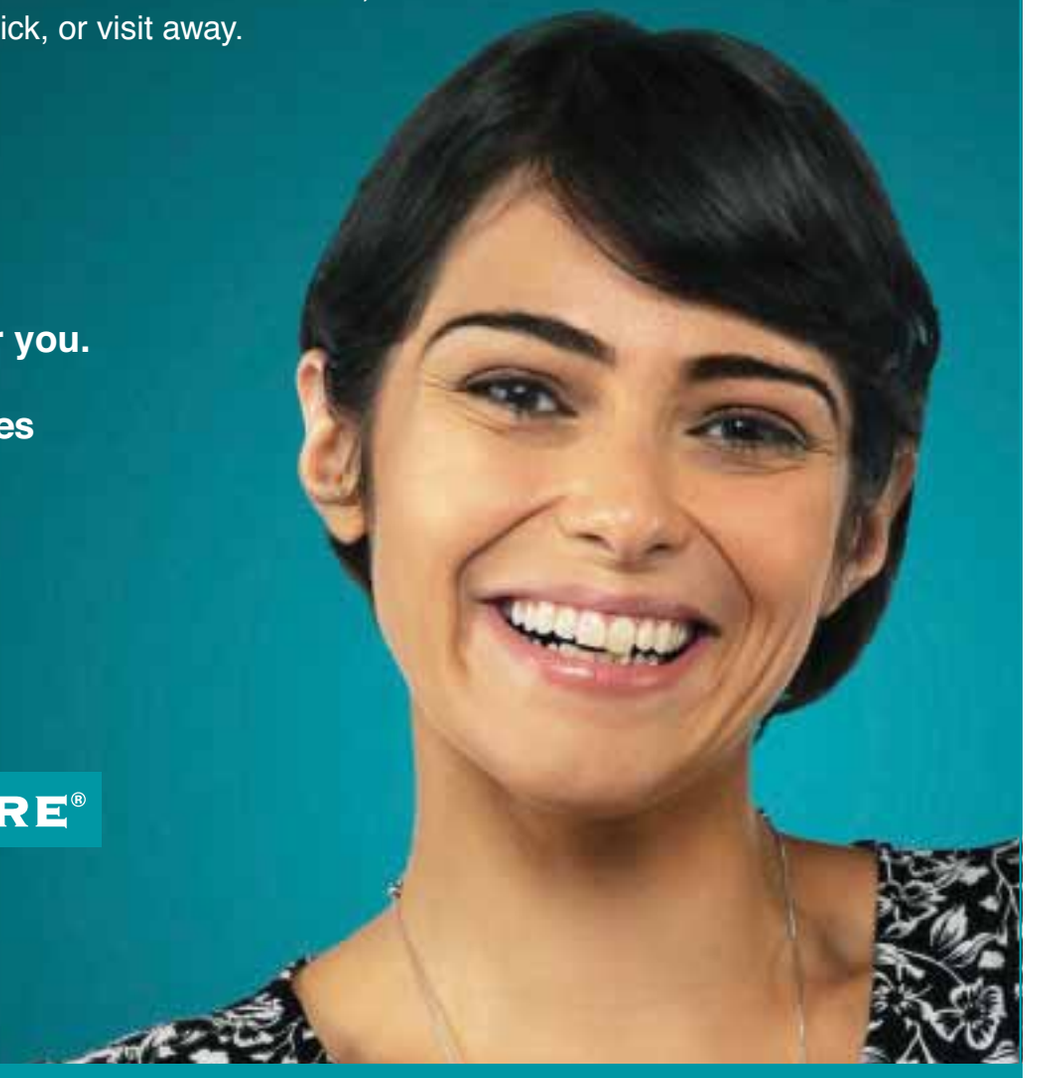

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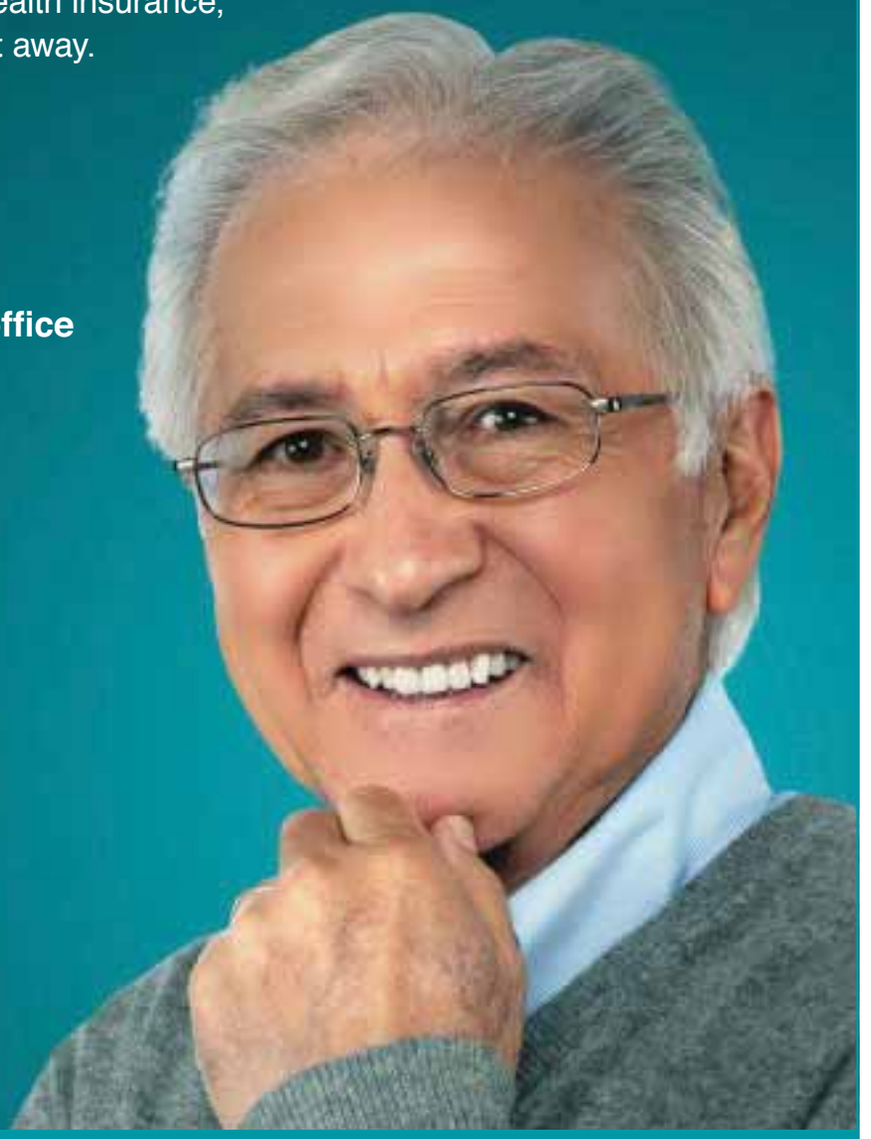

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Jason Momoa, Dolph Lundgren and James Wan get us psyched for the new superhero flick. 14-15

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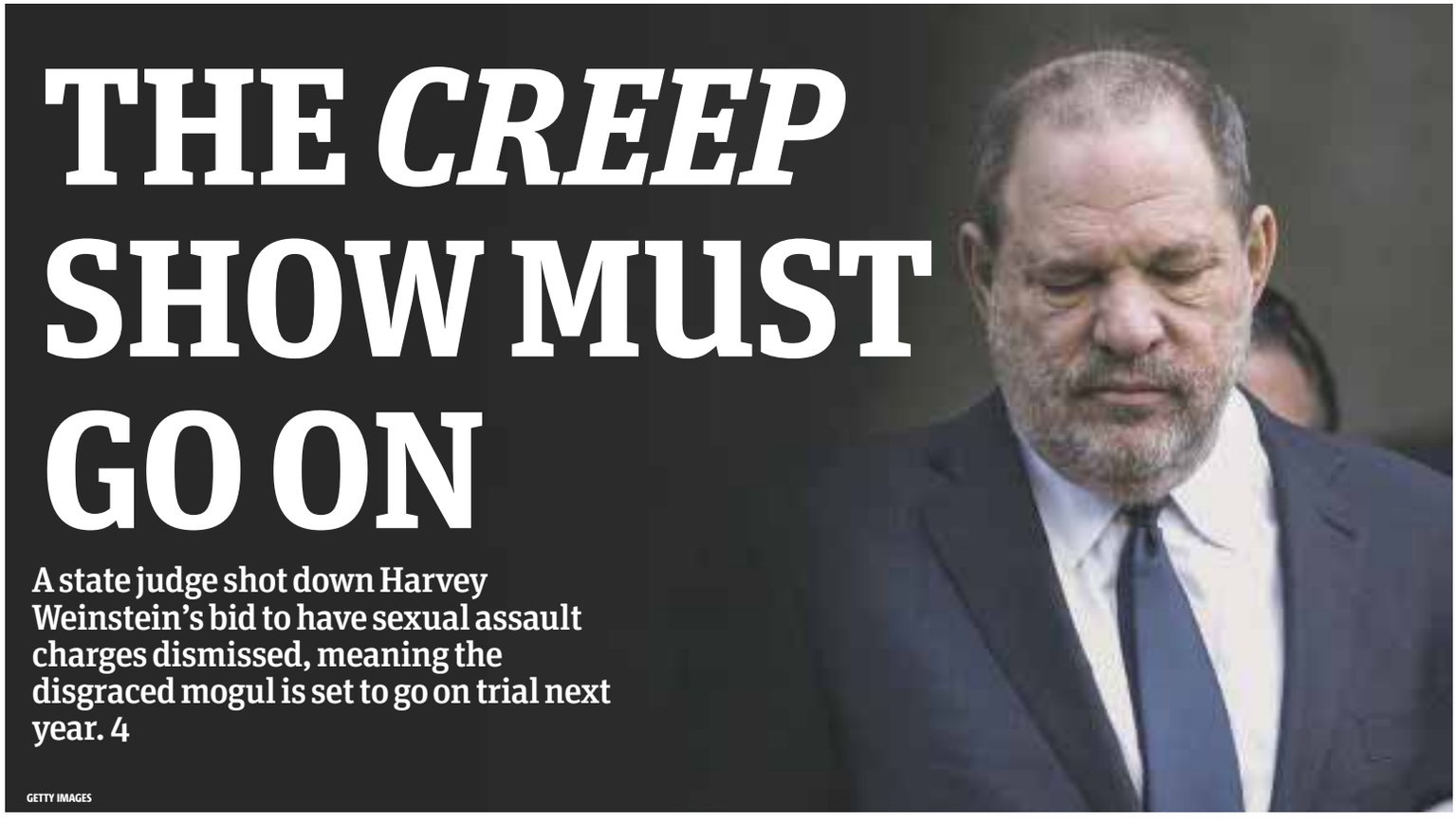

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Like the old Rodney Dangerfield bit, "Aquaman" doesn't get any respect. He can't fly like Superman. He doesn't have Batman's cool gadgets. He's just a guy who can "talk to fish." That all changes this weekend, as the new "Aquaman" movie proves that the aquatic Justice League member isn't just an awesome hero, but the one DC Comics needs right now to revitalize its film franchise. We spoke with stars Jason Momoa and Dolph Lundgren and director James Wan about their hit blockbuster.

JUDGE TOSSES 'EL CHAPO,' WIFE CONTACT CLAIM

1 The judge presiding over the U.S. trial of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman on Thursday rejected an accusation by prosecutors that one of Guzman's lawyers had facilitated unauthorized contact between the accused Mexican drug lord and his wife, Emma Coronel. Prosecutors made the claim in a filing late last month after a court security officer saw Coronel using a cellphone in the Brooklyn courtroom where her husband is on trial. Only lawyers are allowed cellphones in the courtroom. Because the filing was heavily redacted, it was not clear at the time which lawyer the prosecutors were accusing, or what evidence they had. U.S. District Judge Brian Cogan revealed in an order on Thursday that prosecutors believed lawyer Mariel Colon had given the phone to Coronel so she could communicate with Guzman. They pointed to court security footage showing Coronel talking on a cellphone in the courthouse while Colon was alone with Guzman in the defense team's conference room, and the two women leaving the courthouse together soon after, according to Cogan's order.

MOROCCO CLAIMS ISIS LINK TO TOURISTS' MURDER

2 Moroccan authorities said on Thursday that four suspects in the murder of two female Scandinavian tourists in the Atlas Mountains had pledged allegiance to Islamic State before the killings. The bodies of Louisa Vesterager Jespersen, 24, from Denmark and Maren Ueland, 28, from Norway, were found on Monday in an isolated area near Imlil, on the way to Toubkal, North Africa's highest peak and a popular hiking destination. Police arrested a suspect on Tuesday in the tourist hub of Marrakech who they said belonged to a militant group. Three more were picked up later in the city, the Central Bureau for Judicial Investigations said. Morocco's general prosecutor on Thursday confirmed the authenticity of a video in which he said the four pledged allegiance to Islamic State and its leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. In the video, which was posted on social media, the suspects threatened to carry out attacks, the general prosecutor said in a statement. Investigations by the bureau also showed the video was made last week before the killing of the two women. The evidence discovered so far pointed to a terrorist motive, the bureau said.

LEAKED DOCUMENTS OUTLINE PLANS ON TRUMP TOWER MOSCOW

3 Pedestrians pass in front of New York's Trump Tower on Wednesday. In late November, Special Counsel Robert Mueller secured a guilty plea from Michael Cohen, Trump's former lawyer and personal fixer. That plea deal revealed that Trump was involved in trying to build a Trump Tower in Moscow until at least June 2016, even though he has said publicly that he had no business dealings in Russia.

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UK AIRPORT GROUNDS FLIGHTS DUE TO DRONES

4 Britain sent troops to its second-biggest airport after an unprecedented attempt to cripple Christmas travel with large drones forced all flights to be canceled on Thursday. As thousands of passengers waited at Gatwick Airport, south of London, police hunted unsuccessfully for the operators of the large drones, which reappeared near the airfield every time the airport tried to reopen the runway. Police said there was no indication of a terrorism motive behind the devices, which first appeared on Wednesday night. "We will be deploying the armed forces," Defence Minister Gavin Williamson told reporters. "We are there to assist and do everything we can." Europe's air traffic control agency Eurocontrol said the airport would remain closed until 6 a.m. GMT on Friday. The airport said flights would remain shut down until further notice on a day when 115,000 people were scheduled to pass through, many en route to seasonal breaks. Prime Minister Theresa May's spokesman condemned the standoff as "irresponsible and completely unacceptable."

MATTIS QUITS, CITES POLICY DIFFERENCES WITH TRUMP

5 U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, a stabilizing force in President Donald Trump's cabinet, abruptly announced his resignation on Thursday and said Trump should pick a successor whose views align more with his own. Mattis resigned a day after Trump announced that U.S. troops in Syria would be withdrawn, a decision that upended American policy in the region, and on the same day that officials said the president was considering a substantial U.S. pullout from the long-running conflict in Afghanistan. "Because you have a right to a Secretary of Defense whose views are better aligned with yours on these and other subjects, I believe it is right for me to step down from my position," Mattis said in his resignation letter, released by the Pentagon. Trump, announcing Mattis' departure on Twitter, said he would nominate a successor soon. "General Jim Mattis will be retiring, with distinction, at the end of February, after having served my Administration as Secretary of Defense for the past two years," he said.

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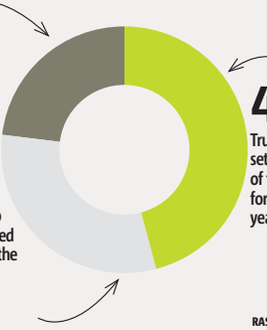
NATIONAL DIRECTION

Who should set the direction of the country for the next two years, President Trump or Nancy Pelosi?



23% Neither one should set the direction of the country in the near future.

31% That job should go to Pelosi, who is expected to be the speaker of the incoming Democrat-controlled House of Representatives.

46% Trump should set the direction of the country for the next two years.

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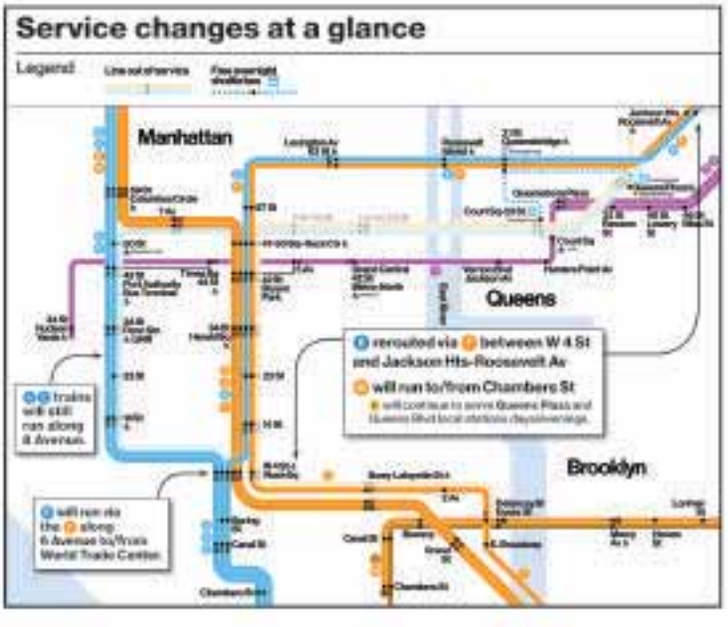
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Weinstein loses bid to dismiss criminal case; trial date set

A New York state judge scheduled a pretrial hearing in the case for March 7.

A New York state judge on Thursday denied Harvey Weinstein's motion to dismiss criminal charges that he sexually assaulted two women, rejecting the movie producer's argument that the case was tainted by police and prosecutorial misconduct.

Supreme Court Justice James Burke in Manhattan announced his decision at a hearing in a packed courtroom. Benjamin Brafman, a lawyer for Weinstein, told reporters outside the courthouse he was disappointed in the decision but was confident his client would prevail at trial.

Burke scheduled a pretrial hearing in the case on March 7.

In a written decision released after the hearing, Burke said there was "no basis for the defendant's claim of prosecutorial or law enforcement misconduct in the proceedings."

The ruling came about two months after Weinstein won dismissal of a charge involving a third woman after prosecutors revealed that a New York City police detective had withheld information during the investigation, and said they could no longer pursue the charge.

In his motion to dismiss the remaining counts, Weinstein said the detective's withholding of information compromised the integrity of the entire grand jury process that led to the indictment. Burke, however, wrote that a problem with one charge did not "infect the integrity" of the other charges, which concern different women.

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Weinstein has also argued that the indictment should be dismissed because the grand jury had not been shown communications that he said showed a long-term, consensual relationship between him and one of the women. Burke said that while prosecutors must disclose evidence favorable to a defendant before trial, they do not have to show it to a grand jury.

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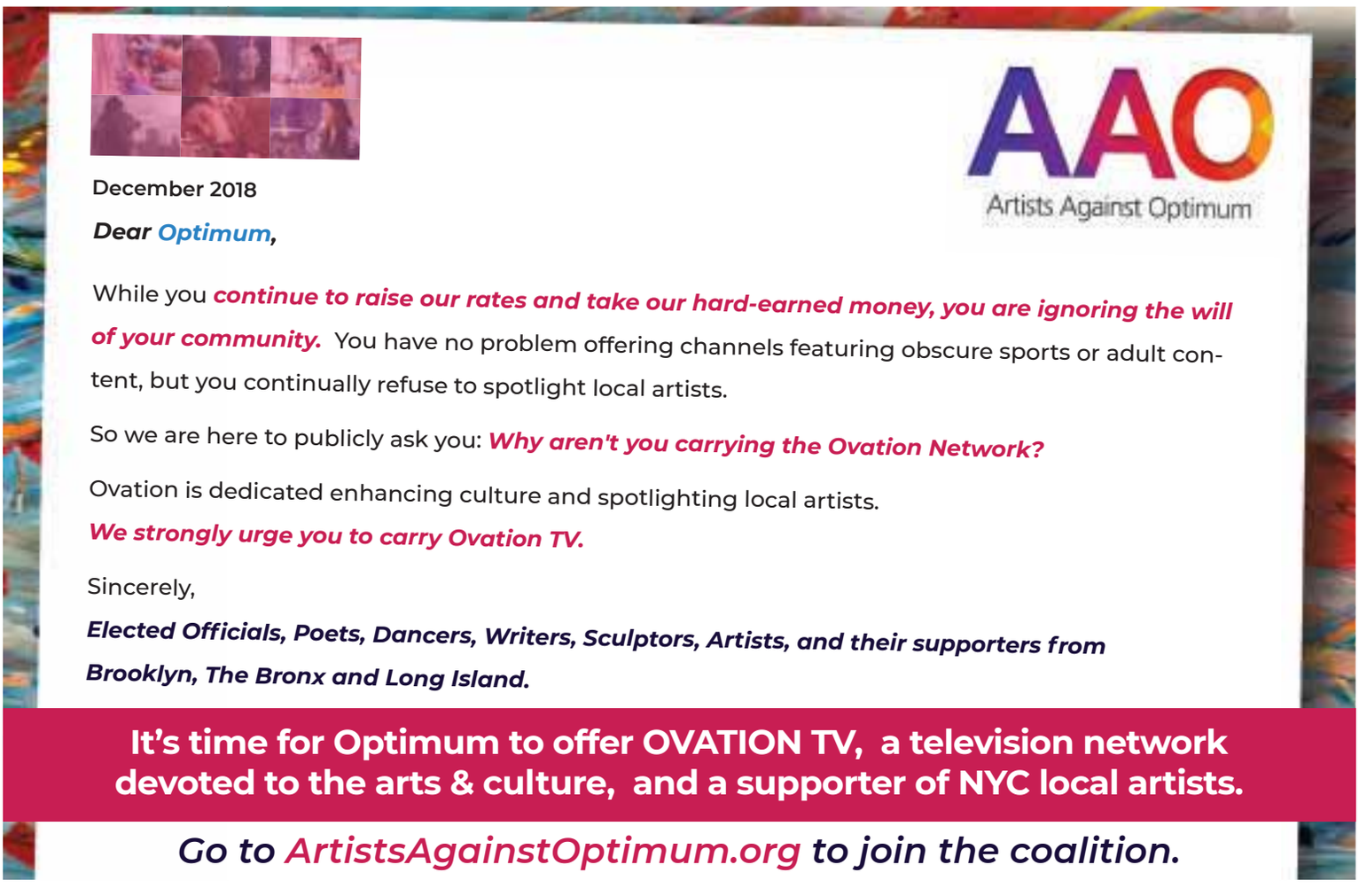
Weinstein, who faces up to life in prison if convicted of the five charges against him, has denied having nonconsensual sex with anyone following accusations by more than 70 women, mostly young actresses and other women employed in the movie business, of sexual misconduct, including rape, going back decades.

The accusations led to the #MeToo movement in which hundreds of women have publicly accused powerful men in business, politics and entertainment of sexual harassment and abuse.

As the accusations against Weinstein mounted, his company Weinstein Co. fired him and filed for bankruptcy, and he was expelled from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Through his company and another studio, Miramax, Weinstein won plaudits and awards for movies including "Shakespeare in Love," "Pulp Fiction" and "The King's Speech." REUTERS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NYC weather: Heavy rains could impact holiday travel through Friday night

A storm is expected to bring heavy rains and strong winds to the area ahead of Christmas.

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As you prepare to embark on your holiday travel, you should also brace yourself for nasty New York City weather that could make the roads even worse, according to the National Weather Service.

Heavy rain is expected to pelt the tri-state area, forecasters said. The storm could drop 2 to 3 inches of rain, threatening floods in urban areas and on low-lying roads.

The New York City Emergency Management Department issued a travel advisory for Friday, and the National Weather Service has issued a flood watch for the five boroughs specifically, in effect through 1 a.m. Saturday.

The wet weather will begin Thursday afternoon, coinciding with when most residents are expected to hit the road for their holiday travels.

According to AAA, the worst of the holiday traffic will be Thursday night from 9:30 to 10 p.m., when drivers could see delays up to 3.75 times longer than usual.

Across the country, 102 million people will be driving during the holiday season, according to AAA.

Heavy rain is expected to last through Friday night along with some patchy fog, which could continue to affect holiday travelers hoping to get home by the weekend.

Both Thursday, Dec. 20, and Friday, Dec. 21, are Gridlock Alert Days, according to the New York City Department of Transportation, meaning traffic volumes are expected to hit high levels due to shopping and travel. During Gridlock Alert Days, driving through Midtown could take twice as long as on a typical day of the week, officials say.

Though it'll be wet, the weather won't be freezing cold, with Friday expected to hit a high of 58 degrees and a low of 47 at night.

"It's all rain, no frozen precipitation, which is good," said Carlie Buccola of the National Weather Service New York City office, "but heavy rain will reduce visibility, of course, and make the roads slippery. There's also a wind advisory; parts of the area will see wind gusts up to 45 miles per hour."

The flood watch affects almost the entire tri-state region, Buccola added, but the strongest winds will be across Long Island and New York City.

There could be a slight chance of showers early Saturday, but weather should dry up by the afternoon. Temperatures will fall to about 46 degrees on Saturday and hit a high of 44 on Sunday.

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Christmas Eve should be partly sunny, according to the weather service, with a high near 44 degrees during the day and dipping down to around 32 at night. Christmas Day will be mostly sunny with temperatures reaching up to 41 degrees during the day and 34 at night.

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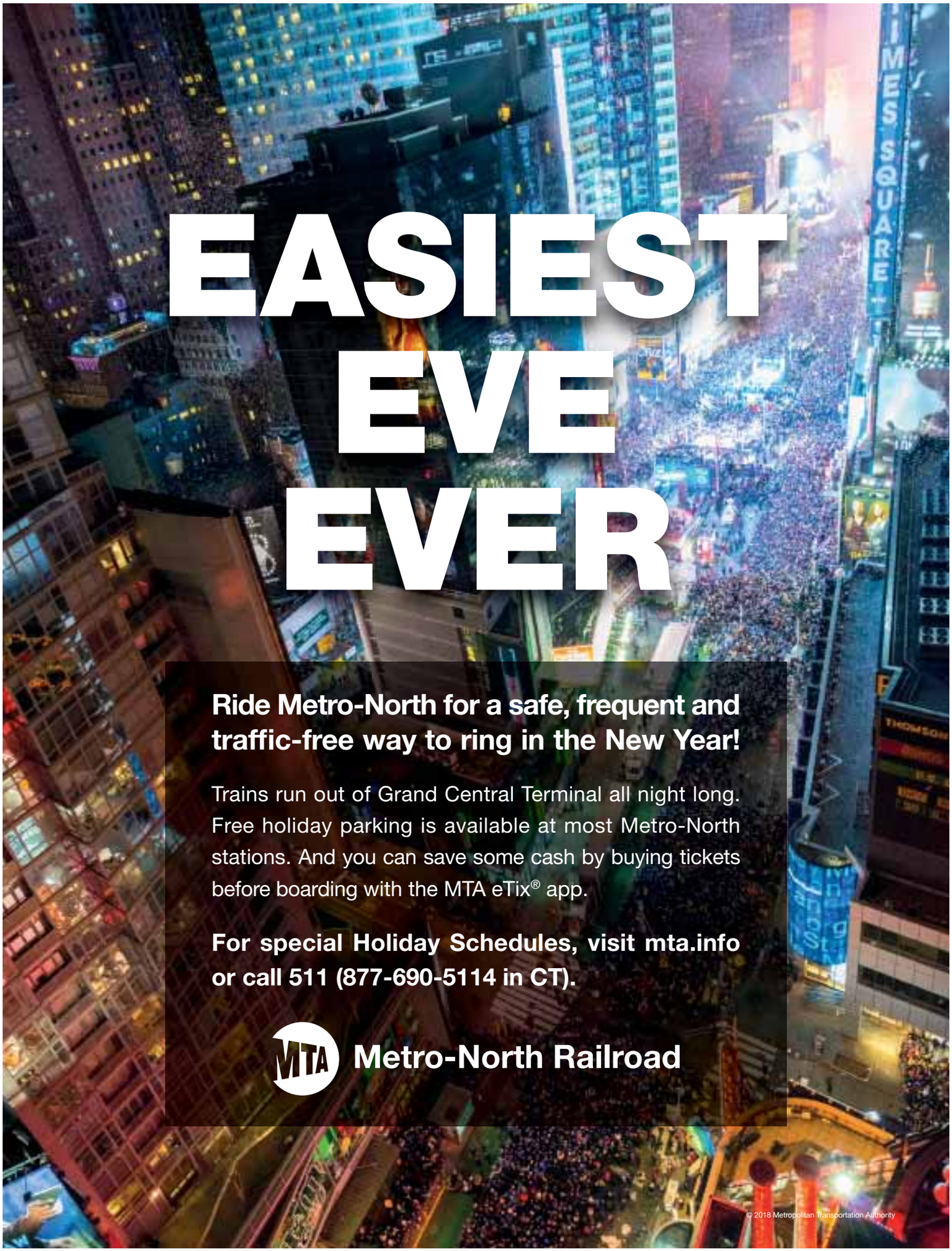

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Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen stepping down in early 2019

Alicia Glen is New York City deputy mayor for housing and economic development.

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New York City Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen, who oversees economic developments and the city's troubled public housing system, will step down in 2019, officials announced Wednesday.

A successor has not yet been named, but Glen is expected to remain in office until one is appointed.

Glen, a former Goldman Sachs executive for 12 years, was appointed New York City deputy mayor for housing and economic development in December 2013. She was primarily tasked with expanding and preserving New York City affordable housing.

Her tenure in the role coincided with a particularly difficult time for the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), including worsening conditions for public housing residents and the threat of a federal takeover by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Glen did implement Mayor Bill de Blasio's affordable housing plan to create or preserve 200,000 affordable housing units by 2022, and enacted initiatives to create a tech talent pipeline and launch the citywide NYC Ferry service.

She's also been criticized beyond NYCHA, however, for her role in bringing Amazon HQ2 to New York City and overseeing the deal with the tech giant that resulted in $3 billion in incentives.

The mayor commended Glen, writing on Twitter that, "From building and protecting the most affordable housing in our history to growing our tech industry to knocking down barriers for women, Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen has opened doors for New Yorkers of every background and made our city a fairer place."

Others, though, had harsher comments about the deputy mayor's departure.

"Alicia Glen leaves behind a failed legacy for the record hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers who experienced homelessness under her watch," said Giselle Routhier, policy director at Coalition for the Homeless, in a statement. "The Housing New York plan she oversaw has created and preserved housing that is not truly affordable for those that need it most. Under Glen, just 5 percent of affordable housing units have been allocated for the homeless, at a time when more than 23,000 children sleep in shelters each night."

Routhier added that whoever succeeds Glen as deputy mayor "must change course and ensure that the billions we are spending each year on housing provides a meaningful impact on all-time record homelessness."

At a press conference Wednesday, City Council Speaker Corey Johnson said that Glen's legacy as New York City deputy mayor was "nuanced."

"She and I have not always seen eye-to-eye, but personally, I like her," he added. "I'm grateful for her service. Certainly she's accomplished a lot as it relates to affordable housing."

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Flu is prevalent in New York state, health department says

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Have you had a flu shot yet? You might want to swing by your local pharmacy, because influenza is officially prevalent in New York state, health officials announced Wednesday.

State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker declared on Wednesday that the flu in New York is now "prevalent," kicking off a 2013-14 flu season.

"The importance of getting vaccinated against influenza to protect yourself, as well as your family and friends, cannot be overstated," Zucker said in a statement. "Health-care personnel are routinely exposed to sick patients and are also in close contact with vulnerable patients."

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requirement that healthcare workers who are not vaccinated against influenza wear surgical or procedure masks in areas where there are usually patients.

So far this flu season, there have been 3,283 laboratory-confirmed cases of the flu in New York, including 43 counties and all five boroughs of New York City.

In the week that ended Dec. 15, the most recent for which there is data, there were 1,230 lab-confirmed cases of the flu statewide, 601 of which were in New York City specifically.

There have been 923 reported influenza-related hospitalizations so far this flu season, and one influenza-associated pediatric death, according to health officials.

Over the last three flu seasons, there have been 19 influenza-associated child deaths in New York state and an average of 15,101 flu-related hospitalizations.

The Regulation for Prevention of Influenza Transmission, which mandates that unvaccinated health-care workers in state health department-regulated facilities wear masks, first went into effect in the

Zucker is encouraging all New Yorkers 6 months and older to get a flu shot as soon as possible.

Though Gov. Andrew Cuomo kicked off a campaign urging New Yorkers to get an influenza vaccine back in October, you can likely get a flu shot in the new year.

"Whereas [flu season] generally peaks sometime between January and March, we have seen flu activity as early as November, and we've also seen outbreaks as late as May," Dr. Jane R. Zucker, an infectious disease physician and the assistant commissioner for the Bureau of Immunization within the New York City Department of Health, previously told Metro.

There's almost no reason why someone shouldn't get a flu shot, she added, and it's not just about keeping you healthy, but preventing the spread of influenza to other New Yorkers.

Flu shots are especially important for people 65 and older, children under 5, people who have medical conditions like heart disease, lung disease, asthma and so on, and pregnant women. KRISTIN TOUSSAINT

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According to a new HUD report, the homeless population in New York has increased since last year.

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The number of people experiencing homelessness in New York City has been growing, according to an annual report from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

HUD's Annual Homeless Assessment Report for 2018, released this week, found that on a single night in January 2018, a total of 552,830 people experienced homelessness across the country. New York City accounted for 78,676 of those people, or just over 14 percent of the nation's homeless.

Per last year's HUD report, the city's homeless population totaled 76,501, meaning homelessness in New York City increased 2.8 percent from 2017.

New York City accounts for 85 percent of all homeless people recorded by HUD in New York state (91,897), per this year's report. New York City also has the largest homeless population of any major city in the country, followed by Los Angeles with just under 50,000 homeless people.

"These numbers just show that we are in the midst of a sustained and growing homelessness crisis with no end in sight, and a growing economy will not solve this crisis on its own," said Giselle Routhier, policy director with New York City-based service organization Coalition for the Homeless, in a statement to Metro.

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"Both the city and the state need to put full resources behind tackling this problem," she added. "The city needs to immediately dedicate 30,000 units of the mayor's housing plan, including 24,000 cre-

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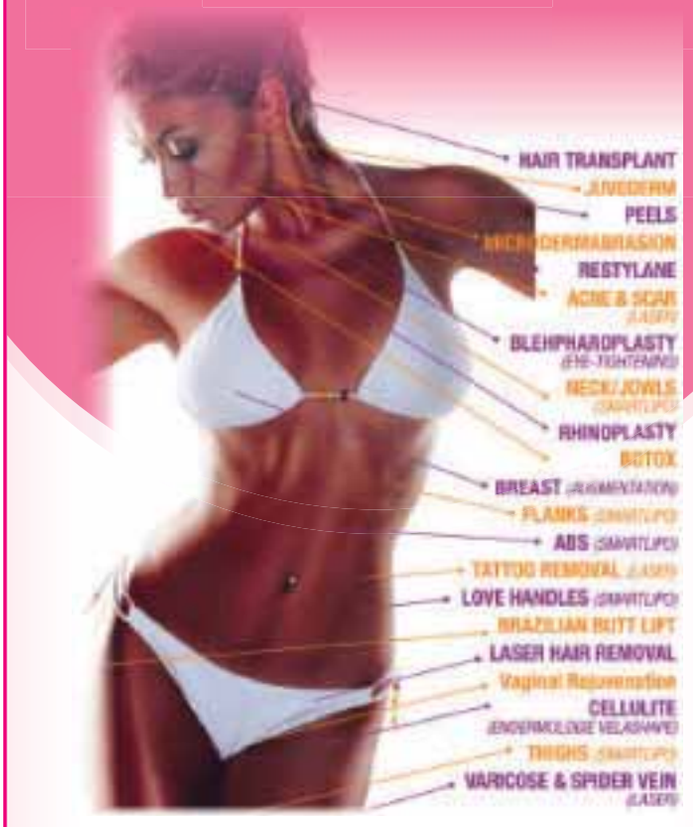

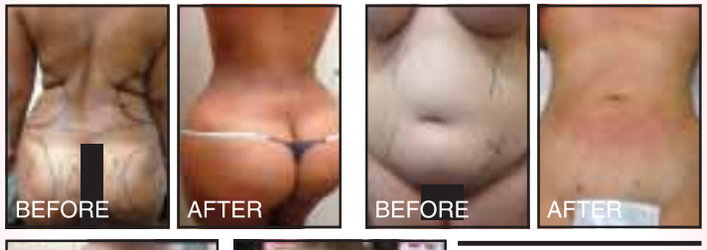

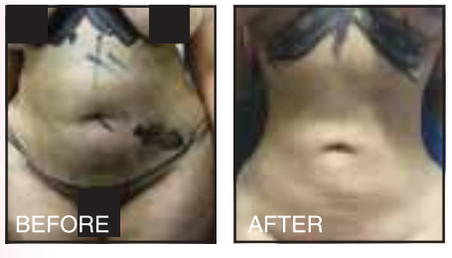

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ated through new construction, for homeless households. The state must immediately implement Assembly Member Hevesi's Home Stability Support proposal and the governor needs to fulfill the remainder of his supportive housing commitment: 14,000 units remaining to be funded."

Though homelessness in New York City is up, the five boroughs had one of the lowest rates of unsheltered homelessness.

Only 5 percent of the homeless population here were not sheltered, whereas 75 percent of the homeless in Los Angeles were not in shelters, instead living on the street, in abandoned buildings or in other places "not suitable for human habitation," per HUD.

Nationwide, the number of homeless people on a single night increased by 0.3 percent between 2017 and 2018, according to the HUD report, but the unsheltered population went up by 2 percent over that same time period.

Across the country, the number of people experiencing homelessness in families with children is down by 2 percent compared to last year and by 23 percent since 2007. This population, though, accounts for the largest share of homelessness in New York City.

One-quarter of all people in families with children experiencing homelessness in the country were in New York City, per the report, and all of those 45,285 people were sheltered here.

Overall, HUD says the nation's homeless population has been shrinking. The number of individuals experiencing chronic homelessness is down 16 percent, or 17,000 people, since 2010, and the general number of people experiencing homelessness has dropped 13 percent in the same time frame.

One reason for the small uptick in this year's homeless population nationwide was due to natural disasters like hurricanes Maria, Irma, Harvey and Nate, as well as the West Coast wildfires.

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HOLIDAY HANGOVER CURE! The best remedy for hangover is fresh squeezed juice made out of carrots, beets and ginger.

Enjoy,
— Maria, *MS in Nutrition and Metro US reader*

HANGOVER CURE, ANYONE? In response to your hangover cure request in today's edition: - Since alcohol dehydrates you (in addition to making you a bit happier), you should drink water in between each drink or in the very least every other drink. Then, and this is very important, before passing out into your deep drunken slumber, chug a nice glass of water and aspirin. Recommended dosage? Three. It won't necessarily cure the hangover, but it will most definitely lessen the effects of it. You're welcome ;) **ps -** greasy carb laden foods the next morning sometimes help too!

—Rebecca "DJ Becka" Krikorian, *Metro US reader*

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Gemini ou'll be given the wrong information or directions. Don't be too trusting or willing to let someone use emotional manipulation to get you to do his or her dirty work.

Cancer Getting together with a friend or colleague will lead to an interesting idea that will tempt you to get involved in something unusual. Don't give all your secrets away.

Leo An opportunity will change your direction and life. Get the facts before you share your plans with loved ones. This time you have to please yourself first.

Virgo Calm down to deter others from overreacting. Take a stand when it comes to indulgent behavior. Be the mature one in your group and avoid trouble.

Libra Getting together with peers, relatives or people who have chosen a different path than you have will tweak your intelligence and give you reason to consider making a lifestyle change.

Scorpio A kind gesture will help you seal a deal or understand how you can improve an important relationship. A personal change will make you stand out and will bring a positive response.

Sagittarius Ask yourself emotional questions and be honest about your feelings and expectations. It's up to you to bring about positive change.

Capricorn Stand your ground and make choices based on what you can afford and what you feel comfortable doing. A promise you make to someone should be based on what's doable.

Aquarius Time spent at home with your family or friends will encourage you to make a lifestyle change. Recognize the things that will enhance your life, and make the right choices.

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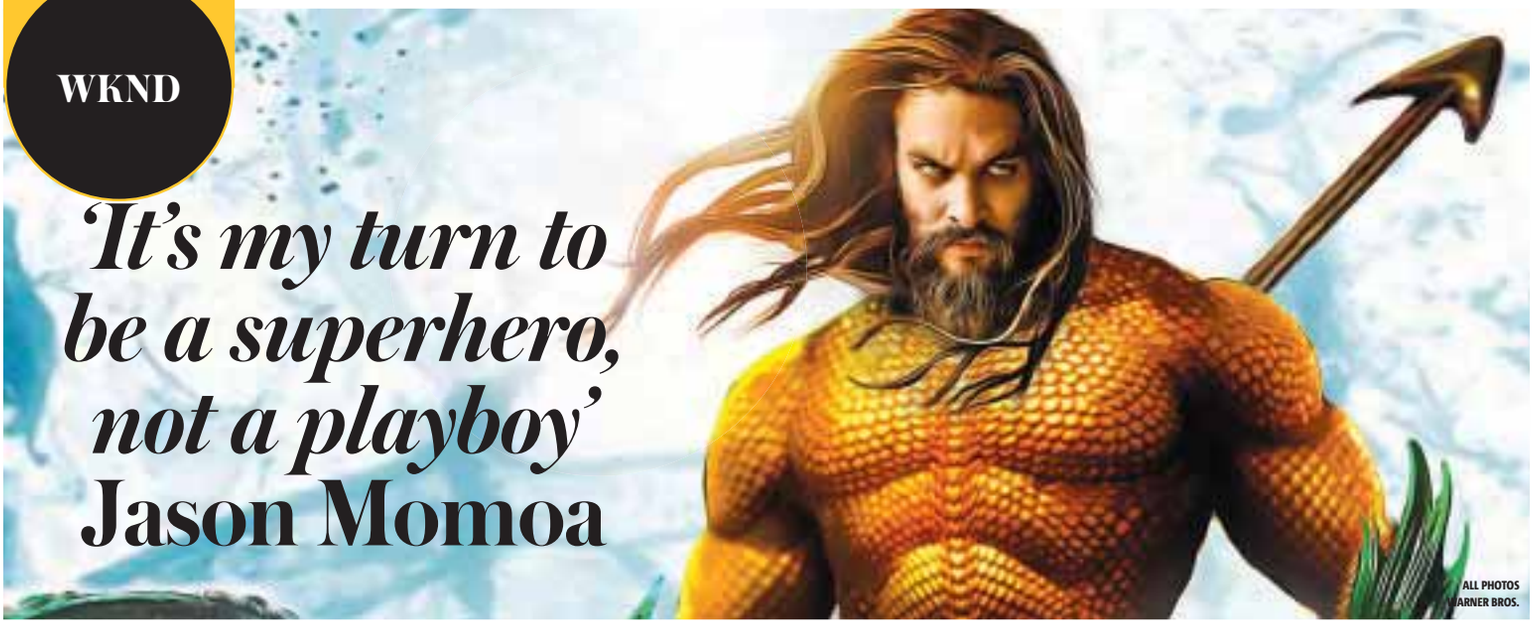

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'It's my turn to be a superhero, not a playboy' Jason Momoa

DC's new superhero flick "Aquaman" leaves behind gloom and reflects the actor's sense of humor.

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Jason Momoa describes himself as someone with a great sense of humor, who, since childhood sought, to be part of the entertainment world. However, according to the actor, his physique has consecrated him as one of the most "rough and dangerous" men in show business, with roles like "Game of Thrones'" Khal Drogo, "Conan the Barbarian," and these last two years, Declan Harp a merciless merchant from the Netflix series "Frontier."

The 39-year-old Hawaiian actor returns to the big screen as "Aquaman," the half-atlantean half-man DC superhero, who will discover if he can become more than a king. The film, directed by James Wan ("The Conjuring") will premiere on Dec. 21 and and also stars Amber Heard (Mera), Patrick Wilson (Ocean Master), Nicole Kidman (Atlanna), Willem Dafoe (Nuidis Vulko) and Yahya Abdul Mateen II (Black Manta).

Momoa opened up to Metro about playing the famed superhero.

What do Jason Momoa and "Aquaman" have in common?
He is probably the character most similar to me that I have played so far in my career, but what I least want to do is to interpret myself. We are similar in various aspects such as our love for our family, our loved ones and our ideals, we also share a taste for water sports. I love surfing, but in general, what unites us the most is the desire to be better every day and fight against our barriers. I have two children, and I always think of them when doing a character. I wanted to show them a movie that they were proud of.

What were the biggest challenges you faced when shooting "Aquaman"?
Mainly the action scenes because it required a lot of work and physical effort, so I had to prepare for months prior to shooting and be very disciplined. However, it has been one of the projects that I have enjoyed the most because the entire production team was always helping me and we really had a great time.

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million raised at its premiere in China.

One of the film's main messages is about creating bridges between different worlds. Do you think that is missing in the real world?
In my point of view, that is the most important message in the story. For example, Mera and Arthur have their own worlds and are very different, but join forces to survive and save their people. That is what is missing in today's society, to create bridges so that people can help each other. We are living in such a complicated world that we must definitely support ourselves and instead of emphasizing our differences, unite as human beings.

Compared to other DC movies, this film has comedic touches. Is it a reflection of your personality?
Definitely yes, because the character allows for it. He's a less dark superhero than Batman for example or Superman, so we sought to give him a more comical touch that would help to balance those more serious moments. Yes, I could say that it is part of my personality because I consider myself an optimistic and a happy guy and that helped to exploit the character.

What was it like working with Amber Heard, Nicole Kidman, Patrick Wilson and Willem Dafoe?
It was incredible, I'm really a very lucky man. Ever since they told me that they would make up the cast, I was very excited because they are people I have admired for many years and the incredible thing was that since we started filming we always supported each other. It did not matter if we were freezing while we were shooting or if we had to repeat the scenes several times because they were always making jokes, there were no egos, there were no bad times and that made shooting much easier.

King Nereus gives the scoop

Dolph Lundgren plays the Atlantean King Nereus.

The highly-anticipated "Aquaman" movie based on the beloved superhero is about to make it's U.S. debut.

The flick, which stars Jason Mamoa, Amber Heard, Nicole Kidman, Patrick Wilson and Dolph Lundgren, follows the story of Arthur Curry, a half-human half-Atlantean man who finds himself caught in the middle of a brewing war between the land and the sea. Lundgren, who plays Nereus, an Atlantean king and father of Aquaman's love interest Mera, filled us in on what to expect from his character and what action may be in store.

Although "Aquaman" centers around Jason Mamoa's title character and his journey to bring peace to the land and sea, there is no shortage of romance in this film. Heard, who plays Mera, the hydrokinetic and telepathic future Atlantean queen, steals the hero's heart in this story. However, her father, King Nereus, isn't too pleased with his daughter's choice in men.

"She's a difficult daughter, lets put it that way," Lundgren tells Metro. "Mera is difficult, and she's driving me crazy as King Nereus, and now she takes off, and she's falling in love with this guy who is half earthling and half from Atlantis."

Lundgren is quite used to playing the strict father-figure roles. The 61-year-old actor recently made a comeback in the "Rocky" film saga with "Creed II" as the infamous boxer Ivan Drago. In "Creed II," Drago trains his son Viktor (Florian Munteanu) to fight Adonis Creed (Michael B. Jordan) and gain back the respect he lost when Rocky Balboa defeated him years back.

Lundgren says he had familiar inspirations for both father-figure roles he takes on in "Creed II" and "Aquaman."

"It's interesting because I have a daughter around Amber's age and my dad was a tough guy, so I had that relationship to use for 'Creed II,' and then I have my daughter I could use for 'Aquaman.' I have these two things that are not just about boxing and action but also about human relationships, so it was kind of fun for me to do that."

If you're wondering whether or not King Nereus will showcase some Drago-style boxing skills during the "Aquaman" film, Lundgren says don't hold your breath.

" I don't have any sparring matches with Amber and not with Jason, either, even though we trained together in the gym."

So you can count underwater boxing out of the "Aquaman" plot, but rest assured, there will be no shortage of action from Lundgren or any of the other characters.

"Aquaman" is in theaters.
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How 'Mad Max' and 'Star Wars' influenced 'Aquaman'

Director James Wan talks us through his "lavish, weird and wonderful" entry into the DCEU.

Director James Wan with Amber Heard, Jason Momoa and Willem Dafoe on the set of "Aquaman." JASIN BOLAND

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James Wan was always going to be top of the list to direct "Aquaman."

Not only does the Australian have a long and storied history with Warner Bros., courtesy of his work on the ever-burgeoning "Conjuring" franchise, but "Furious 7" also proved just how adept he was with mainstream blockbuster material. Wan didn't need any convincing to direct "Aquaman," though, as he immediately saw the opportunity to build a unique cinematic world that was completely different to the other superhero fare that's regularly released.

"A big reason I was so excited by this project was that I wanted to create a big world from scratch," Wan tells Metro. "From how the characters look, what the creatures are in this world, to the ship and machinery in the city. This was perfect for me to sink my teeth into and design the world.

"I wanted to create something we hadn't seen before. Something unique and different, especially to the superhero movies out there. That was my biggest thing. If was coming into the superhero space, I wanted to create something that didn't feel like a traditional superhero movie. Instead it plays like a classic action-adventure-fantasy film."

Wan admits that rather than diving deep into film history for inspiration, he used nature documentaries like "Blue Planet," as they "showed the ocean to be such a magical place."

"I started from realism and then built the fantasy world from that. This movie doesn't take place in outer space or another dimension or planet. It takes place right here on Planet Earth.

"My challenge was to make Earth feel like there are all these natural pockets that we haven't explored before. I wanted to plant this wish fulfillment in there. I wanted people to look at Atlantis and go, 'That is a place I wish I could visit on holiday.'"

However, when it comes to the scope and size of the blockbuster, there was one film that Wan constantly had in mind, as he hopes that "Aquaman" will do for the ocean what "Star Wars" did for space.

"We've actually explored space more than we have explored our ocean on our planet. So the very nature of that, there's an aesthetic that we're not quite familiar with," says Wan. "We have seen 'Star Wars,' which set the language for what films in outer space would be like. But we have never done that to this level in the underwater world.

"I saw that as a great positive and challenge. I wanted to establish a particular language that hasn't been set in cinema, at least not to this degree."

Wan was also careful not to deviate from the soul of the source material, making sure his incarnation of "Aquaman" was as "out-there, lavish, weird and wonderful" as the comic books.

That's why we see an octopus playing the drum in "Aquaman," which, while outlandish, actually plays a key part in establishing the movie and its world.

"It would be a shame not to dive into that. In the same way with what George Miller did with 'Mad Max: Fury World,'" notes Wan. "It is so outlandish. In that movie there is literally a guitar guy having flames shooting from his instrument. It doesn't do anything for the narrative. But it creates a really unique world. That was my goal for this as well."

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Technically a public park that was co-opted by its neighboring residents, most of us can only press our faces to the bars surrounding Gramercy Park. Not on Christmas Eve — for one night, the Gramercy Park Block Association will open the gates to everyone for exactly one hour. Enjoy caroling, take pictures on its stone benches, then get out — the rich poodles don't want you befouling their dog run. **Dec. 24, 6-7 p.m., Irving Place between 20th and 21st streets, free**

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Let your heart be light

Some things are better forgotten, but if you need a little help letting go, there's Good Riddance Day. Inspired by the Latin American tradition of burning bad-luck tokens before the New Year, the Times Square Alliance is hosting "destruction services" to help you start 2019 with a clean slate: Write down what you want to get rid of, then experience the catharsis of putting it through a shredder. **Dec. 28, timessquarenyc.org**

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Giants vs. Colts: What to watch

With their season officially over, the Giants head to Indy.

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The New York Giants' season could not have ended with a more underwhelming thud, a 17-0 shutout to the Tennessee Titans in Week 15.

It only confirmed what had been made painfully obvious during the first half of the season: Big Blue is a bad football team.

They were able to save face, winning four of five games coming off a bye week to remarkably stay in playoff contention before being run over by Derrick Henry and Co.

While the win streak brought in some cheer around the holiday season for the current Giants, it might have just shot the future Giants in the foot as any hopes of a top-five draft pick and the best quarterbacks available have flown out the window.

If Giants fans thought Week 15 against the Titans was bad, just wait until this Sunday as the Indianapolis Colts, fresh off a shutout of the NFC East-leading Dallas Cowboys, welcome New York to town.

Lucas Oil Stadium does hold some fond memories for the Giants and Eli Manning, having won Super Bowl XLVI over the New England Patriots in that venue.

It was the last time the Giants played in Indianapolis.

Instead of competing for a Lombardi Trophy, the Giants are just trying to figure out what direction they're moving in before an offseason of changes roll through.

Here is what to watch for on Sunday:

Could this be Eli Manning's last stand as Giants quarterback? GETTY IMAGES

ELI'S LAST CALL

If last week's game against the Titans suggested anything, it's that the 37-year-old Manning should not be the Giants' starting quarterback next season.

With no semblance of a run game against Tennessee's tough defense, Manning was downright bad in his attempt to keep the Giants in a winnable game.

In an offseason that will see some notable veteran quarterbacks available on the free-agent market like Joe Flacco and Nick Foles, this could very well be Eli's final ride as Giants quarterback.

That is, unless he lights up the Colts and the Cowboys in the last two weeks in the season. Then management is going to have quite the predicament on their hands.

GOOD LUCK

The Colts have to be thrilled with what they've seen from Andrew Luck in 2018.

After a three-year nightmare filled with injuries and rehabilitation, Luck's career has skyrocketed from questionable to Pro Bowl as he's on pace for a career season.

In 14 games, he's completed 67.3 percent of his passes for 3,951 yards, 34 touchdowns and 13 interceptions.

It will be the Giants' first true aerial test without Landon Collins after the star safety was shut down after Week 12 due to a shoulder injury that requires surgery. New York's defense hasn't necessarily faced a vaunted passing game after facing a combination of Mark Sanchez and Josh Johnson with the Washington Redskins before taking on Marcus Mariota and the Titans.

PRO BOWL-BOUND BARKLEY

Star rookie running back Saquon Barkley had one of his worst performances as a Giant against the Titans, gaining just 31 rushing yards on 14 attempts. It was a rare occasion in which he was a non-factor as Tennessee clearly made him their top priority.

While it gives teams a blueprint on how to stop the dynamic rusher, Barkley received some good news this week as he became the first Giants rookie since Tuffy Leemans in 1965 to be selected to the Pro Bowl.

Barkley is one thing the Giants can salvage out of yet another disappointing season as it is clear they made the right decision with the second-overall pick in the 2018 draft.

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NFL Week 16: Jets, Packers toss-up

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT NEW YORK JETS (EVEN)

Moneyline: N/A
Betting Total: 44 points

The Packers are officially out of playoff contention, so there's a chance that they decide to mail it in here, but it's tough to take the Jets (losers of seven of their last eight) straight-up.

Aaron Rodgers thrived when he faced the Falcons and their non-threatening pass rush two weeks ago, and he'll benefit from another friendly matchup against the Jets and their 19th-ranked pass rush. Green Bay lost Aaron Jones early on last week, but they still put up a good fight against a strong Bears team. They hope to have him at full strength on Sunday.

Sam Darnold has shown flashes of promise this year, but the lack of talent around him is inhibiting his progress. He doesn't draw the easiest of matchups in the Packers' ninth-rated pass stoppers.

Prediction: Packers win, 28-20
The play: Packers EVEN

Sam Darnold will try to upset Aaron Rodgers and the Packers. GETTY IMAGES

NEW YORK GIANTS AT INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (-9)

Moneyline: Giants +380, Colts -475
Betting Total: 46.5 points

These clubs were on opposite ends of shutouts last week, as the Giants were frustrated on a rain-soaked Sunday by the Titans, while the Colts foiled the red-hot Cowboys. However, it's important not to read into one week of results too closely. There are trends that indicate the Giants are worth a bet as sizeable underdogs this Sunday.

Per oddshark.com, teams that shut out an opponent the prior week are just 16-24-1 against the spread in the following game since 2011. New York has also covered in each of their last five road games.

The Giants are hopeful that Odell Beckham Jr. will return from a quad injury that's cost him the last two games. If he does, that only strengthens the case for Saquon Barkley to have a bounce-back game after being held to just 31 yards last week.

Andrew Luck and company have averaged just 18.5 points per game over their last four contests, so covering this nearly double-digit spread seems like too tall an order.

Prediction: Colts win, 27-23
The play: Giants +9

ROBERT CRISCOLA

NFL Week 16 Power Rankings: Saints go top

While New York football struggles, here is a look at the best of the best.

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1. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (12-2) DEF. CAROLINA, 12-9. LAST WEEK: 2

The Saints began this season narrowly losing a blowout where Tampa Bay shredded their defense. The offense didn't miss a beat from there, carrying them to 10 straight victories and the top of this list. Now that unit has started to struggle, and it's the defense that has kept the wins coming to New Orleans. If the Saints can put it all together — as they did in 2017 — alongside the home field advantage they're on pace for, they'll be the favorites at a time when it seems many of the top contenders (New Orleans included) are stumbling.

2. LA CHARGERS (11-3) DEF. KANSAS CITY, 29-28. LAST WEEK: 4

The odds are still stacked against the Chargers in the AFC West: They hold a worse division record than Kansas City and need the Chiefs to lose to finish higher than the fifth seed in the AFC. That acknowledged, they just won on the road in Kansas City to end a nine-game losing streak to their division rivals and can make their case as the hottest team in the NFL; they've won 10 of the last 11. Keenan Allen, Melvin Gordon and Austin Ekeler could all return this week.

3. KC CHIEFS (11-3) LOST TO LA CHARGERS, 29-28. LAST WEEK: 1

The Chiefs still hold the inside track: win out, and home field advantage in the AFC is theirs. This season could have been a step back for Kansas City — much of their defense moved on and an unproven quarterback stepped in to replace Alex Smith. Instead, it has served as a launching pad for Patrick Mahomes' career. Ten touchdowns in the final two games would give him the NFL record in his first season as a starter. That may sound unlikely, but he accomplished the feat just three weeks ago. For the Chiefs, in light of recent failures, it's all about playoff success.

Drew Brees and the Saints aren't playing their best football of the year, but they're still one of football's best. GETTY IMAGES

4. CHICAGO BEARS (10-4) DEF. GREEN BAY, 24-17. LAST WEEK: 6

After a two-and-a-half-sack performance against the Packers, Khalil Mack officially has more sacks than the Oakland Raiders (in two fewer games played.) That Bears draft pick is probably looking a lot less attractive than it did at the start of the 2018 season as well, as things are falling into place for the Bears to possibly steal a first-round bye if the Rams drop another game. The Bears just clinched their first division title since Jay Cutler led them to the playoffs in 2010.

5. LA RAMS (11-3) LOST TO PHILADELPHIA, 30-23. LAST WEEK: 3

The bad news? The Rams offense seems to have reached its peak in their 54-51 shootout with Kansas City. And that's fair, that would be most offenses' peak. But that game came in Week 11. In their back-to-back losses, the Rams have struggled to stretch the field and forgotten they have an MVP candidate to hand the ball off to. The good news: the Rams have already won their division, their remaining games are against the Cardinals and 49ers, and they do have Todd Gurley.

6. HOUSTON TEXANS (10-4) DEF. NY JETS 29-22. LAST WEEK: 9

When it comes down to it it's all about Deshaun Watson to DeAndre Hopkins in Houston's offense. They connected for 170 yards, two touchdowns, and the game-winner against the Jets to bounce back from their first loss in ten games. One win against Philadelphia or Jacksonville will clinch Houston's third division title under Bill O'Brien and winning out assures them of the first, first-round bye in franchise history.

7. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (9-5) LOST TO PITTSBURGH 17-10. LAST WEEK: 5

Losing streaks rarely happen this late in the season to New England. Two games may be a modest one, but it just guaranteed the Patriots their worst record in almost a decade. The Patriots should finish well: their final two games are at home against the Bills and the Jets, two teams with longstanding contributions to said decade. But the Patriots will finish 2018 3-5 on the road, and things aren't lining up for them to have more than one home playoff game this season.

8. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (8-6) DEF. DALLAS 23-0. LAST WEEK: 10

Make it two weeks and two playoff contenders knocked off by the Colts. Marlon Mack reappearing in the offense helps, but it comes alongside their defense stepping up to the plate in a huge way. They've allowed just 27 points in the last three games. Rookie Darius Leonard leads the league in tackles by 22. Things aren't entirely in their own hands; they need Pittsburgh or Baltimore to drop a game.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF QUEENS
U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, V.
MARY I. ALVAREZ A/K/A MARY ISABEL ALVAREZ A/K/A M. ALVAREZ-BYRNES A/K/A M.R. ALVAREZ-REYNOSO A/K/A M. ALVAREZ-TAVAREZ; ET. AL.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 11, 2018, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST is the Plaintiff and MARY I. ALVAREZ A/K/A MARY ISABEL ALVAREZ A/K/A M. ALVAREZ-BYRNES A/K/A M.R. ALVAREZ-REYNOSO A/K/A M. ALVAREZ-TAVAREZ; ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the QUEENS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 88-11 SUTPHIN BLVD., COURTROOM #25, JAMAICA, NY 11435, on January 11, 2019 at 10:00AM, premises known as 89-29 A 91ST STREET, WOODHAVEN, NY 11421: Block 8973, Lot 42:
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Gregory M. LaSpina, Esq. Referee.
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Westbury, New York 11590,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.
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SUPREME COURT-
COUNTY OF QUEENS
U.S. BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2005-FR1, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-FR1, Plaintiff, AGAINST NANETTE LASTORINO, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered on May 14, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435 on January 11, 2019 at 10:00 AM premises known as 80-16 159 AVE AKA 80 16 159 AVE, HOWARD BEACH, NY 11414. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York. Block 14001 and Lot 7. Approximate amount of judgment $703,930.61 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #703103/2015. PETER M. WOLF, ESQ., Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP
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SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff -against- LUIS E. JIMENEZ, ALANA GORDIAN et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated September 15, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., in Courtroom # 25, Jamaica, NY on January 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:
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Index # 18371/2014
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File# 4722.1805

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SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
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Against Index No.: 24893/2011
JAMES A. WITTS, NATANICE ANDERSON, Defendant(s)
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Zenith T. Taylor, Esq., Referee.
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COUNTY OF QUEENS
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Plaintiff -against- TEEPU KHAN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated August 13, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., in Courtroom # 25, Jamaica, NY on January 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of Lockwood Court, distant 365.00 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Lockwood Court with the westerly side of 104th Street; being a plot 27.50 feet by 80 feet by 27.50 feet by 80.00 feet. Said premises known as 102-07 LOCKWOOD COURT, HOWARD BEACH, NY. Approximate amount of lien $566,840.08 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.
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Index # 13550/2010
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File# 5025.1137

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COUNTY OF QUEENS,
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Plaintiff, vs. MOULTON D. SMALL, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 10, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Court, Courtroom 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY on January 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., premises known as 221-43 Murdock Avenue, Queens Village, NY 11429. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 11220 and Lot 19. Approximate amount of judgment is $582,398.35 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment
Index # 11177-2012.
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15 Candid
16 Jump
17 Licorice-like flavoring
18 Swing back and forth
20 Pug or poodle
21 Break a fast
23 Did a bartender's job
24 Hint at
26 Golfing term
27 Biblical book
29 Tendons
32 Prize
33 Gives the cold shoulder to
35 "If I __ a Hammer"
37 Yarn
38 "__ Low, Sweet Chariot"
39 Carpet thickness
40 Feel sick
41 Meanders
42 Begin a tennis game
43 Fat cat
45 Climbed
46 Shack
47 Fret
48 Sufficient amount
51 One __ million; treasured friend
52 Two-__; cheap
55 Uppity
58 Cost
60 Leave at a pawnshop
61 Robin's home
62 Tear up
63 Singles
64 Deep long cut
65 Chances

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1 Anthropologist Margaret
2 TV's "Deal __ Deal"
3 At first
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5 Like a chimney flue
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8 Making tiny cuts
9 Charm; attraction
10 Backside
11 Partner
12 Ran fast
14 Oozed
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22 __-around; comprehensive
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34 That fellow
36 Act
38 Comforting
39 Juicy fruit
41 Baton __, LA
42 Bits and pieces
44 Connors & Norris
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50 __ more; again
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56 Afternoon social
57 Feminine suffix
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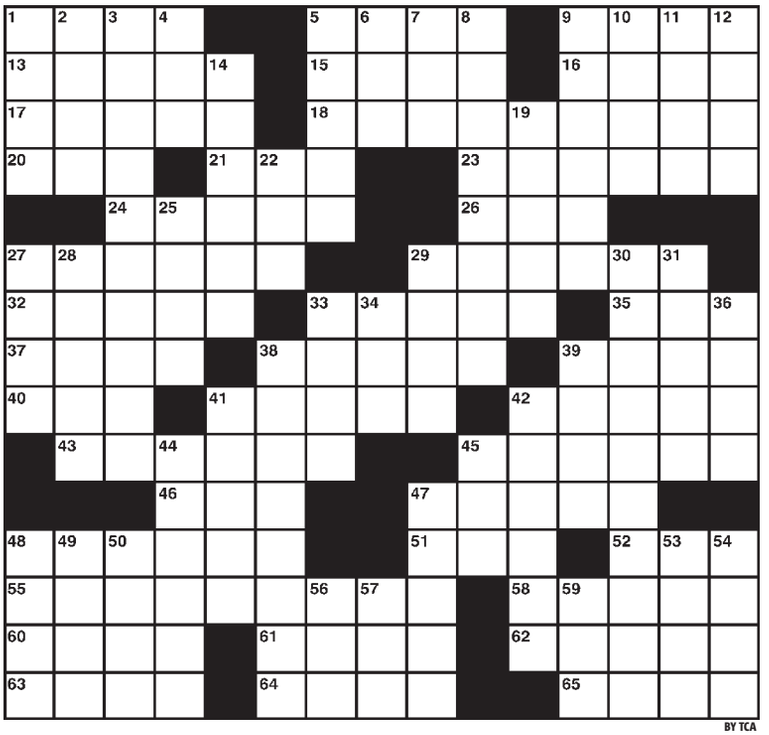

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